

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Marc HERRMANN : Group Art Unit:
Serial No.: : Examiner:
Filed: December 14, 2000 : Corresponds to FR
For: Procédé et dispositif de déploiement : No. 99 15892
d'une Supervision distribuée : filed Dec. 16, 1999
: :
: McLean, Virginia
December 14, 2000

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed contemporaneously with the filing of the subject application. Please amend the claims of the application as indicated below without prejudice in order to be able to reintroduce the subject matter in translated claims.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 1, delete “la revendication 2 ou 3”, and replace with
--revendication 2--.

Claim 6, line 1, delete “la revendication 2 ou 3”, and replace with
--revendication 2--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete “la revendication 2 ou 3”, and replace with
--revendication 2--.

Claim 11, line 1, delete “la revendication 8 ou 9”, and replace with
--revendication 8--.

Claim 13, line 1, delete "la revendication 9 ou 10", and replace with
--revendication 9--.

Claim 14, line 1, delete "la revendication 9 ou 10", and replace with
--revendication 9--.

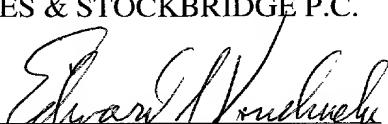
REMARKS

This Amendment is made, without prejudice, to avoid and remove improper multiple dependency of the claims and the extra expense associated therewith. Upon translation of the application, the dependent claims will be reintroduced as singly dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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